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Awesome weekend for Peewee Avalanche

Elk Point Peewee Avalanche, coach Darcy Pankiw (right) and assistants Rick Rybchinsky and Rodney Graus celebrated their 'B" side win in their six-team home tournament this weekend, taking home the trophy after a hard-fought 9-7 victory over Marwayne Sled Dogs. Read all about it on Page 3.

A year of considerable progress: 2012

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The past 12 months have been a period of considerable progress in Elk Point, with the development of a new section of the industrial park, work underway on single- and multiple-family residential lots, the installation of paved walking trails, and the regional water line now nearing completion.

Here's a brief rundown of the year's top news.

January

F. G. Miller High School's Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy (PUP) group was honoured with its second Doug Yeo Youth in Action award, recognizing tits good works in the community. Larry Lecopoy retired from Elk Point's public works department after 38 years on the job.

A third period hat trick by Sam Henderson broke a tie with Cold Lake in the Atom B Avalanche tourney for the team's first win of the season. Joe Tremblay, Dana Lychak, Nicole Landstrom and Wayne Tymofichuk showed the award winners at Elk Point Oilmen's Big Bucks contest.

Town council accepted STRAD Energy Services' offer for a 7.52 acre parcel in the new industrial subdivision, and gave the engineers the go-ahead to draw up the plans to tender for servicing two blocks of the subdivision. Chamber of commerce past president Sandy Smith was eager to get going on plans for 'Cars, Crafts and Cuisine.'

Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Ensemble brought an old tale to life, performing 'Sophia and the Seven Cossacks' at their Malanka celebration. Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association was under new leadership, with Levina Ewasiuk elected president, Orest Sereda vice president and treasurer Donna Spielmacher joining treasurer Anna Leskiw after the first annual meeting since 2007.

Federal and provincial politicians heard regional and community issues when a total of 29 communities attended a round table hosted by Alberta HUB. Town council agreed to delay paving of the current industrial subdivision for one year while the new subdivision was top priority.

February

Steve Penz and the E-Can Oilfield Services rink won the 29th annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel grand challenge with a win over Darwin Botting and his Dudley Contracting rink. Brian Anderson was named the Elk Point Oilmen's Association Oilman of the Year at the bonspiel banquet.

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club members displayed a wide range of talents, with equal numbers of presenters and public speakers at the annual competition, with Nolan Vogel and Mackenzie Evans the top speakers. Acting president Debra McQuinn and new vice president Dwayne Yaremkevich were elected at the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce annual meeting as the chamber moved to one meeting per month and a new meeting day, Thursday.

A resident's concern with recycling was brought to council, and was assured that tires, paint, electronics, batteries and chemical containers are now being collected for recycling, with other materials to be added when financially feasible. Rural Crime Watch appointed area directors in areas ranging from Stoney Lake to Northern Valley to Ferguson Flats, and was hoping for more representation from other areas to be added later in the year.

Entries from players from as far away as Vancouver were coming in for the second annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament in March. The May 29 Riverland Challenge was already proving to be a challenge for the organizers, who wee once again left without a coordinator for the event, after recreation director Valerie Lazicki left Elk Point.

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Benefit bash brings in 2013 with a bang

Janani Whitfield photo

The Gadwa family, which includes children Tyson, Tallyn and Trayden, and husband and wife Gordon and Dayna, were one of the three recipients of the proceeds from this year's New Year's Eve Benefit Dance in St. Paul.

By Janani Whitfield
Review Contributor

Kids and adults alike danced until the wee hours of the morning in support of a good cause at this year's edition of the New Year's Eve Benefit Dance.

Maggie Cartier, an organizer with the St. Paul & Community Family Benefit group, noted this year's event was sold out, with an estimated 230 people in attendance. All night, the dance floor was full, with Cartier's own five-year-old daughter dancing until 2 a.m., in what Cartier described as an "awesome" night.

"Once again, the community of St. Paul has shown some great support and pulled together for our families," she said, adding organizers believe the event will exceed last year's total. The 2011 New Year's Eve Benefit raised about $12,000 for local families who had recently suffered a tragedy or crisis.

Cartier hopes to see more people hearing about the event and liking the group's Facebook page, so that more people who are going through hard times know there is support out there they can access.

"If we can build awareness, then families can realize they're not alone."

The three families receiving proceeds from this year's benefit were very appreciative of the group's efforts in organizing the event.

"It's nice to know that there are other people out there that are willing to help and that care," said Georgina Cook, who attended the event with three of her children, Dalyn, Ami and Keyauna, and her boyfriend, Nathan Kachan. The family was chosen as benefit recipients after an Aug. 5 vehicle accident left Kachan with severe injuries and unable to work. He has since returned to work on modified duties, and says things are so far going well. The couple both shared a thanks to the community as a whole for supporting them in the face of their crisis.

The Gadwa family described the event as "excellent," noting it was a good one for the kids. Gordon Gadwa was also involved in a vehicle crash last summer, which nearly took his life but ended up leaving him alive with serious injuries. Like the other two families involved in this year's event, they said they planned to be involved in helping out for next year's event, as the St. Paul & Community Family Benefit Group encourages recipients to pay it forward.

Shelley Addis and her sons were the third recipients chosen to receive proceeds from this year's benefit. In the past year, Addis has had a major surgery, lost her husband, and saw her 12-year-old son Guillaume receive injuries in the Oct. 25 Racette School crash.

Although it has been a hard year, Addis remained positive, saying, "To us we're healing and moving on." The night was one step along the healing journey, as she added, "I see how much fun my boys are having."

She described it as "amazing" and "surreal" to think that the whole event, with food, drinks and live music, was being held partly for her and her family.

"Thank you to whoever nominated us. I'll forever feel grateful."

Evergreen Waste Management gets tire recycling grant

By Janice Huser
Review Contributor

Residents in the County of St. Paul are being encouraged to recycle their used tires, as Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission received a grant for $30,000 to help in the construction of three compounds to house tires waiting to be recycled.

The Alberta Recycling grant was presented to Evergreen on Dec. 19. The recycling compounds will be built at the Evergreen landfill near Lafond, and at the Mallaig and Ashmont transfer stations.

"To me, it is so much nicer for the people bringing the tires and the people hauling the tires away," says Ramona Arnett, the manager of Evergreen. "It's not just a pile of tires . . . it's a lot neater."

She says she's always on the lookout for similar grants and opportunities. Evergreen has already applied for another grant to build similar compounds at the St. Edouard, Vincent Lake and Elk Point transfer stations. She added that Evergreen is always looking for recycling opportunities and notes she is open to suggestions on future endeavors. For instance, she would like to do something to help recycle plastics, but she has yet to come across anything that would work with the landfill.

Since 1992, 72 million tires have been recycled by Albertans. Environmental fees paid when buying tires have been used to fund the Alberta Recycling's grant program, says a press release from Alberta Recycling.

"The (Evergreen) commission has demonstrated their commitment to the environment and the County of St. Paul by establishing an organized, clearly defined area for temporary storage of scrap tires until this material is collected by recyclers for processing into new products," says Sid Hinton, chair of Alberta Recycling in the press release.

Alberta Recycling is a not-for-profit organization that manages Alberta's tire, electronics and paint recycling programs. The society reports to the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.

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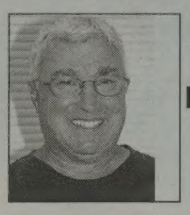
Peewee Avalanche host annual tournament



doug BASSETT
Review Sports

It was back to the old grindstone this past week. With Christmas and New Years behind them the Peewee Avalanche grinding their skates, sharpening them up for the big weekend, they hosted a six-team tournament and after playing four games, won the B final trophy. It was a good thing Jay Duffee and the town grader had pushed back the snow banks of the arena parking lot, because not only was it packed from end to end, but the street in front of the A. G. Ross Arena was lined up with cars as well. The coaching staff and parents deserve a tip of the hat for the terrific job of hosting.

Starting on Friday night against Marwayne, the Avalanche winning 7 to 2, team captain "Awesome Alex" Hunter scoring four goals, and adding two assists, big D-man Nicholas Tucker with a goal and an assist, Brody "the Big O" Odgaard going end to end to bury one and added one assist, and Spencer Hardcastle who had a great weekend, with a goal and an assist. Tyler Jamieson and Kaiden "K Rock" Evans - Anderson were on the sheet with an assist each as well.

On Saturday morning the Avalanche met their old friends "Garrett the Goalie "and coach Kevin McGillivray and company from Boyle, the Avalanche winning this one 8 to 2. "Awesome Alex" with a hat trick and an assist, "the Big O" with two goals and an assist, Chad " Pick Pocket" Poitras picking the top corner with a goal and adding an assist, Nicholas Tucker with a goal and an assist, and Chase Dorey banging a one timer home with a goal. Hayden "Hot Wheels" Ludlage added two helpers, Christian Castle-Wassen with one as well.

Sunday morning the Avalanche met the tough tier one team from Vermilion, they lost this one 7 to 2. "Pick Pocket' picking up another goal and an assist, "Awesome Alex ' also scoring, sending them to the B Final against Marwayne, the team they defeated easily on Friday night, but, this time it was a much closer score, the Avalanche eventually winning 9 to 7 to take the trophy. "Awesome Alex" with four goals and two assists, two goals and three assists for Dustyn "Dust Pan" Pankiw, who missed most of the weekend with the flu but made a huge impact in the final. Spencer Hardcastle, Christian Castle –Wassen and "the Big O" all scoring singles, rugged Warren Ference with a couple of helpers, Tyler Jamieson and stay-at-home-defenseman Parker "Michelin Man" Allen, who did a great job all weekend of holding the blue line, with assists. Cyle Graus, Corbin "Crusher" Ockerman and Angus McFarlane are not on the game sheet with any points but they all did a huge job of contributing to the winning of the B final, along with the steady goaltending of Darrian "the Dominator" Rybchinsky, who faced a ton of rubber this weekend and made some spectacular saves.

An early Sunday morning road trip, the Micro Novice off to Bonnyville for an 8:15 start, the young guns would win this one. Two goals each for " King Kong Konner" Poitras, Kade Fontaine, Sam" Spiderman" Rogal, Cash" CC" Capjack and Cole Pierce with his first two of the year, and little five year old Bo Fontaine finding the twine with his first goal ever.

Also playing in Bonnyville early Sunday morning, only one hour later, the Novice, who had whole bunch of a sick kids and a long Christmas break, were not as lucky, losing to a team that they had previously beaten two times, but the score was still very respectable, only losing by three. Luke "Sky Walker" Poulin with four goals , a hat trick for "Mic Jager" Fontaine, Vanden "Mario" Moroziuk and Lenae Peebles with one each.

In Dewberry on Saturday, the Atom A team rode all over the Colts, Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion and Dylan "the Destroyer" Ference with four each, Evan "Not Even" Ockerman, Devon "Naz" Nazarchuk, and Connor "Coast to Coast" Lychak with two each, " Lightning Liam" Ludlage with a single. Sunday in St. Paul after being down 4 to 1 in the second period, the Avalanche would storm back with five unanswered goals winning 6 to 4. "Jet Stream," "Coast to Coast" and the "Destroyer" with two goals each. "Lightning Liam" with three assists, "Naz" and "Raging Paige" Henderson also adding assists.

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week. "Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates." Last week's answer to : "Individual glory is insignificant when compared to achieving victory as a team. " – Dot Richardson. Have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

Year of progress

(Continued from Front Page)

March

Both Elk Point's General Municipal Plan (GMP) and Land Use Bylaw were to be reviewed in the near future, when it was noted that some issues in the inter-municipal plan developed for the town and the County of St. Paul reflected on the GMP. Elk Point 4-Hers Morgan Baker came first in the intermediate level and Dustin Pinder second in junior at the district public speaking competition in St. Paul.

Former teammates from the St. Pal Jr. B Canadiens, Elk Point Senior Elks and Jorvik recreational team were joined by some of the young men and women Jim Vinge had coached to remember their friend and mentor in the way he would have liked best, at the second annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament. Young scientists at Elk Point Elementary School won awards on displays ranging from the effect of liquids on plant growth to the strength of paper towels at the annual Science Fair.

F. G. Miller Crusaders senior boys and FGM alumni took on the legendary Elk Point Pacers at the Wrecking Ball Tournament, the final basketball game in the gym before demolition and rebuilding began. Skaters kicked up their heels to country tunes at the ice carnival, where Jazz Smyl-Joly and Nick Jesionek were guest performers.

Minor hockey celebrated the end of another season, with Warren Ference the proud recipient of the Alex Kurash Memorial trophy for the most improved peewee player of the year. Six performances of the vintage musical comedy, 'My Old Friends,' wowed the crowds at Elk Point Community Choir and Friends' 19th annual dinner theatre.

April

Elk Point BPO Elks hosted visitors from St. Paul, Hairy Hill, Myrnam, Vegreville, Lac La Biche and the Grand Lodge at the District Six district meeting. Elk Point Historical Society held a well-attended History Day at Elk Point Municipal Library, with displays ranging from schools to settlers.

Elk Point's Co-op store would stay downtown, with a 4,000-square foot expansion and major renovations for the 72-year-old business. Concerns with the impact of drilling close to town were expressed at the chamber meeting,

The town of Elk Point and County of St. Paul's joint inter-municipal development plan went uncontested at a five-minute public hearing with both councils on hand. Heinsburg Community Development Society checked out the progress made on restoration of their train station..

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky

- The first column of the year traditionally contains some information about healthy resolutions to make. Rather than listing the common ones (we all know what they are!) it's good to remind you to set realistic goals, not make too many resolutions and set a deadline to achieve those goals. Writing them down so you can see them every day is another good idea. Good luck!
- One other suggestion that helps us reach our health goals is have a friend to support you in your resolve. Friends can be a great help in maintaining your motivation.
- If you are one of those people who always puts off seeing your doctor for a check-up, do it now. It's human nature to shrug off a little health problem thinking it will go away soon and you don't want to bother the doctor about "every little thing" but it could be the start of a big thing. Make that appointment soon.
- Another idea that helps your doctor during these check-ups is to be familiar with your family history. Take time to look into what your close relatives' health was like and what they may have died from. Some diseases are hereditary and knowing your family health history will help your doctor help you.
- Pharmacists are a great resource you can use on your path to good health. We'd be happy to help you with your health goals. Have a happy and healthy New Year!

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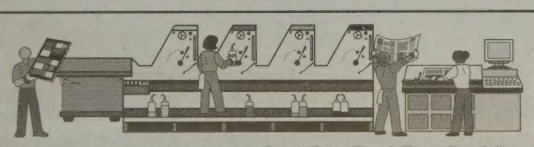
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Your Views

Shining bright

To the Editor:

I want to say a very special thank you to you on behalf of our McFadyen family for the thoughtful recognition you gave to our mother, Violet McFadyen in your Dec. 18 Elk Point Review article, "Shining Bright!".

It is very true that decorating the yard in the hopes of bringing happiness to others was always very important to our mother. You certainly brightened our Christmas by paying tribute to Mother's caring efforts and very especially by the credit you gave to her - it was great to once more see her name in the paper. We will always miss her so very much.

Thanks you once again and Happy New Year to you.

Myrna G. Fox
Elk Point

Way Back When...

New Year's baby, new members, new EDC

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of Jan. 8 in...

1988

A five-pound baby girl born to Linda Berland and Jack Cree was Elk Point Hospital's first arrival of the New Year. In a world of bleak economic forecasts and plunging stock markets, the Town of Elk Point approved a whopping $1.1 million in building permits, including seven new single family homes, four mobile homes, the new auto centre complex and seven other commercial permits.

1993

The Elk Point area had a new millionaire, when Wayne McKenzie won $2.3 million in the 649 lottery. Ruby and John Babcock welcomed Elk Point's first baby of the year earlier than they had planned, with the premature infant rushed off to Edmonton by a neonatal team.

1998

The Town of Elk Point issued a whopping $4,920,500 in building permits for 54 projects in 1997, an increase of 360 per cent in projects and 400 per cent in value from the previous year. With the 1997 First Night festivities wrapped up, the planning committee was already looking ahead two yeas to their biggest celebration ever, the Millennium on Dec. 31, 1999, with Sid Holthe urging that the committee invite suggestions and having one of his own, for a "full-blown fiddle competition."

2003

The Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House met with facilitator Heather Nickel of Alberta Community Development Volunteer Services to learn new ways of recruiting and retaining new members, in an effort to revive a dwindling membership. Heinsburg Community School hosted a quad riding safety workshop, where Wayne Tymchuk explained the basics to students from Grade 1 up, using a jello brain to show students how fragile it was,

2008

Town council got an early start on 2008 proceedings, moving their first meeting up eight days to Sunday, Jan. 5 and starting off with a three-hour review of town bylaws, a then giving the final two readings to a bylaw establishing an Economic Development Committee, replacing the former EDC whose members had contributed financially to a start up fund, with the remaining funds to be returned to the members of that dissolved group. Coral Houle-Dion won Elk Point Elementary School's Accelerated Reader Christmas Challenge.

Guest Column

Today now!

deanna EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

At the end of November 2012, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend a conference where Jason Ryan Dorsey, The Generation Y Guy, was one of the key-note speakers. He spoke about crossing the generational divide – unlocking the power of generations. He spoke about the problem. For the first time ever, there are four generations in the workforce and five generations in the marketplace. To define the picture of what he is talking about he called those 16 years and less generation "I"; those 17 – 35 years generation "Y"; those 36-47 years generation "X"; those 48-66 years generation "B"; and those 67 + yrs generation "T". He, himself, was a generation "Y" and he talked a lot about how each generation views their workplace. Based on the research for his seminars and upcoming book, here are a few areas where Gen Y contrasts with other generations in the workplace and society:

Gen Y often has a feeling of entitlement (or at least a belief they shouldn't have to pay all their dues to get where they want to go). However, keep in mind that while this is a prevalent Gen Y mindset it is not true for everyone in that generation.

Gen Y loves instant gratification. Gen Y is notorious for not being able to wait in line – especially when getting coffee!

Gen Y is known for having big expectations. "What do you mean I can't start as a manager? I was told if I went to college ..."

Gen Y is tech dependent. If you don't believe it, watch what happens when they lose their cell phone.

After Jason explained these points about Gen Y, the question then became: "How do other

generations work with Gen Y?" Jason made the comment: "Don't cater to this generation's whims!" You wouldn't believe what he said next. He said other generations will have to provide specific examples of the performance we expect at work from them. In other words, when a Gen Y person comes into work, if we don't give them specific examples, they won't try anything on their own. Basically, for example, in Gen T, which is the traditional model generation, this generation knew they had to start at the bottom, work themselves up to a higher level of responsibility by proving themselves. Gen Y feels they are entitled and feel they need to start at the top – management level. Thus, working with Gen Y, other generations need to show them how to work backwards to the lower levels of responsibility at the workplace. After thinking about what Jason Ryan Dorsey was explaining, I realize now why we – the older generations, have problems bringing Gen Y into the workplace. I [illegible] businesses really refuse to hire them.

What caused Gen Y to be the way they are? Oh no, it has a parenting route! How a person is raised is the greatest indicator! Teaching children responsibility means teaching them to be honest, dependable, and trustworthy. I am sure you agree that this statement sounds good. O.K., teaching children responsibility also means helping them learn to make decisions and to then live with the natural consequences of their behavior. (Don't forget Gen Y delays making decisions, let alone think of consequences.) Now, this is where parents get in trouble. Decisions and natural consequences of behavior are often uncomfortable and occasionally painful; and we don't like to see our children experience pain. So guess what we do – we protect them so they don't have to experience pain. This is fine – but it has a result. Children who are protected from making decisions and the consequences of their actions are not prepared to succeed in the real world. Fortunately, however, the real-world lessons of life can be learned much more inexpensively in our homes, when children are young.

A variety of things contribute to rearing responsible children, one of which is a clear set of family rules. Rules are essential to successful family life. They establish guidelines, state values, and define the limits of acceptable behavior. Parents who base all family decisions on the results of an applause meter are begging for serious trouble. Hence, the entitlement attitude is born which leads into "Give me today what I want now." So parents, don't let the "What if I had parented this other way?" be your lament.

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Just before Christmas...

Mona Bristow photos

Santa's hardworking helpers

Elk Point 4-H members and their parents joined the Elk Point Community Lions in a pre- Christmas marathon bout of wrapping, sorting and packing of gifts and groceries for the Santas Anonymous program.

Vicki Brooker photo

New realtor welcomed

Elk Point Realty welcomed new member Desiree Maas to their sales team at an open house on Dec. 21. Gathered around the Christmas tree are, left to right, Larry Demchuk, Sharon Smith, Desiree Maas, Ron Smith and Don Conrad.

Chamber back to work

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce took an extra week off for the Christmas break, but will be back at work with their first meeting of 2013 on Thursday.

The chamber will be looking at plans for the coming year's activities, and will also be making plans for their upcoming annual meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7.

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'Bring us a sleigh full of wins, please...'

Elk Point Minor Ball president Dennell Anderson put in a good word for the coming season when she attended the Skate With Santa.

Submitted photo

Historical Society AGM

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point and District Historical Society will hold their 2013 annual meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in the Elk Point Municipal Library. Anyone interested in preserving and exploring the community's history is welcome to attend.

Watch for the launch of the society's new website in the near future.

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Year of progress

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By Daphne Schnurer
Review Staff

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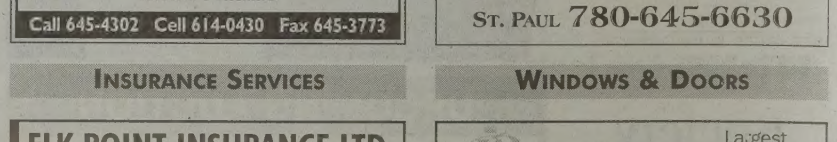

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Christmas at Heinsburg Community School

School-based events bring Christmas excitement to the community

By Christine Yurko

Heinsburg Community School

Heinsburg Community School staff prepared a traditional turkey dinner for the community on Dec. 13. Students, staff and community members gathered together for the festive meal.

On Friday, Dec. 14, students in Grades four to 12 had the opportunity to go on a field trip to Edmonton and see the Christmas Carol at the Citadel Theatre as well as Candy Cane Lane. The day was long but thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

On Dec. 20, staff and students celebrated the Christmas season with their annual Christmas concert. Students entertained family and friends with songs, skits and dances practiced over the past month with their homeroom teachers and the Heinsburg Concert Coordinator/Choir Director, Linda Martin.

Grade Four students performed the Huron Carol and Jingle Bells on recorder while Kindergarten and Grade One students danced to the Penguin Polka. Grade Two and Three students sang 'I'm Getting Nuttin for Christmas' while Grade Five and Six students entertained the crowd with a short Christmas skit and a school rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

A special performance by a few junior high girls ended the concert festivities.

Philip Ng and Brittney Pashulka hosted the event, Dan Peterson was responsible for the sound, and Veronica Montgomery and her students provided the snacks for the guests. All their hard work was greatly appreciated.

Brittany Bzowy photos

Music teacher Carmen McLeod leads Heinsburg Community School's Grade Four students in 'The Huron Carol' on recorder, above.

Concert coordinator and choir director Linda Martin led a stage full of eager little elves through their concert number at left/

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